

the five lying to the east of the River Lea (Newham, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Barking & Dagenham and Havering), which are in South Essex (VC18). Middlesex also incorporates some areas which lie in the current administrative county of Hertfordshire, notably the Potters Bar area. No part of Middlesex extends south of the River Thames.

Records are sought from appropriate persons for all those families generally regarded as “micros” – thus including the Psychidae which were formerly referred to the “macros”, as well as those which are sometimes referred to as the mesolepidoptera – the Tortricidae, Alucitidae, Pyralidae and Pterophoridae. Records should include the name, the Bradley & Fletcher code number (to avoid nomenclature confusion), the date where possible and the locality. Records will be assumed to relate to imagines unless “mine”, “larva” or some other qualifying statement is provided. Localities will ideally include a place name and a four figure grid reference. Place names should be those appearing on the Ordnance Survey maps; precise localities, such as the names of nature areas or ecology parks in London are desirable but if these do not appear on the O.S. maps the nearest locality should always be given. Where a grid reference cannot be obtained, an address obtained from one of the various published books of street maps of London should be used. Site lists will ideally be presented in Log Book order to facilitate data entry. Overnight trap dates should give the first date, according to the example 23 August for 23-24 August, and not as 24 August. Approximate counts and sexes are desirable for immigrants. Confidentiality for selected records may be requested. Records are required for all time, not just the present. I regret that because of other commitments, I am unable to accept specimens for identification.

All communications will be acknowledged and records from outside Middlesex contained in mixed lists will always be forwarded to the appropriate recorders unless directions are given to the contrary. Because of the risk posed by computer viruses I am not prepared to accept records on disk; unsolicited disks will be returned un-examined. Please send records direct to me.— COLIN W. PLANT, 14 West Road, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3QP.

***Tettigonia viridissima* L. (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae) in Scotland**

A single adult female of this species was discovered in the Orthoptera collection at Glasgow University Zoology department in December 1995, with a handwritten label “In timber yard, Glasgow, Aug. 1973”, and it is the first definite record of this species in Scotland, although undoubtedly a casual importation. The specimen is of the yellow legged variety, indicating an eastern European origin (E.C.M. Haes, *pers. comm.*), probably in a consignment of timber.— A. RAMSEY, Dryfemount, Dundas Street, Bo'ness, West Lothian EH51 0DG.